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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: CMAQ Project Selection Committee

From: Douglas Ferguson, Senior Planner

Date: September 10, 2013

**Re:** Public Comments on Proposed FY 2014 – FY 2018 CMAQ Program

The following is a summary of comments received on the proposed FY 2014 – 2018 CMAQ program and staff recommendations with regard to those comments. 23 comments on specific proposals and 1 general comment on the program were received. Copies of the individual comments are available at <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmaq/program-development">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmaq/program-development</a> or by selecting the links within the memo. Based on the comments received, staff recommends that the Project Selection Committee makes one revision to the proposed program; swap out the Lake County signal interconnect project on US 12/Rand Rd from IL 176 Ramps to Miller Rd (SI10143987) with the IL 43/Waukegan Rd from Casimir Pulaski Dr to Norman Dr (SI10143981).

#### Bruce D. Christensen, Transportation Coordinator, Lake County Division of Transportation

SI10143981 – Lake Co DOT – IL43/Waukegan Rd from Casimir Pulaski Dr to Norman Dr SI10143987 – Lake County DOT – US12/Rand Rd from IL 176 Ramps to Miller Rd BP10143878 – Lake Forest – Robert McClory Bike Path II10143922 – IDOT – IL120 at Hainesville Rd

Mr. Christensen submitted a verbal comment at the July 11th CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting requesting that the committee consider programming funding for the SI10143981 signal interconnect project instead of the SI10143987 signal interconnect (both sponsored by Lake County). He also requested that the committee consider funding Lake Forest's BP10143878 project because it addresses a safety concern raised by FHWA during coordination meetings on the Lake Forest Train Station Bike Parking (10-12-0002) project and IDOT's II10143922 intersection improvement project.

• Both subject signal interconnect projects were recommended by the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition. Staff recommends that the SI10143987 project in the amount of \$1,642,000 (federal) be swapped out for the SI10143981 project in the

amount of \$1,544,000 (federal). The federal fiscal year for the funding would remain in FY 2017.

- The BP01143878 proposal was recommended by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force and ranked 19th among 35 Bicycle Facilities proposals by cost per kilogram of VOCs eliminated. The cost per kilogram of VOCs eliminated was \$4,534 which staff felt demonstrated a break from the recommended proposals; in particular the previous proposal selected has a cost/benefit ratio of \$3,784. Staff recommends that the proposed program not be updated to include BP011433878.
- The II10143922 proposal was recommended by the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition and ranked 16<sup>th</sup> among 28 Intersection Improvement proposals by cost per kilogram of VOCs eliminated at \$27,488 vs. \$4,591 for the last proposal to be included in the proposed program. There were 5 proposals in between the subject proposal and the last proposal to be included in the proposed program, two of which were also recommended by RTOC. Staff recommends that the proposed program not be updated to include II10143922.

### Vydas Juskelis, Public Works Director, Village of Villa Park

#### BP08144019-Villa Park-Villa Park North Side Sidewalks

Mr. Juskelis submitted a letter requesting the inclusion of the subject project in the FY 2014-2018 program in the amount of \$130,000 (federal) for phase III engineering.

• The proposal was not a recommendation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force and there were no pedestrian facility projects (6 considered) included in the proposed program. The proposal is for general purpose residential sidewalks and does not provide direct access to a transit stop or station. Staff recommends that the proposed program not be updated to include BP08144019.

#### Steven C. Vinezeano, Village Manger, Village of Niles

#### TI13143921-Pace-Milwaukee Ave Arterial Rapid Transit Project

Mr. Vinezeano submitted a letter in support of the subject project.

• The subject project continues to be included in the proposed program for FY2014-2018.

John D. Noak, Mayor, Village of Romeoville Roger C. Claar, Mayor, Village of Bolingbrook Michael P. Collins, Village President, Village of Plainfield

### TI13143911-Pace-Regional Bus on Shoulders, I-55 from Kedzie to Lake Shore Dr

The three communities listed above submitted letters in support of the subject project.

• The subject project continues to be included in the proposed program for FY2014-2018.

John A. Daly, Village Administrator, Village of Orland Hills
Dale Berman, Village President, Village of North Aurora
Matthew T. Brolley, Village President, Village of Montgomery
Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor, City of Blue Island
Edward J. Zabrocki, Mayor, Village of Tinley Park
David A. Gonzalez, Mayor, City of Chicago Heights
Richard A. Hofeld, Village President, Village of Homewood
Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor, City of Batavia
David J. Neimeyer, Village Manager, Village of Oak Brook
Don A. DeGraff, President, Village of South Holland
Kevin R. Burns, Mayor, City of Geneva
Thomas J. Weisner, Mayor, City of Aurora
Bill Cunningham, State Senator, Illinois General Assembly
Frances Ann Hurley, State Representative, Illinois General Assembly

TI13144028-Pace- Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements along Pace Bus Routes 350, 352, 364, 572, 529, 381, 395, 877, 888

The twelve communities listed above along with Senator Cunningham and Representative Hurley submitted letters in support of the subject project.

• The subject project continues to be included in the proposed program for FY2014-2018.

### Peter Skosey, Executive Vice President, Metropolitan Planning Council

TI13143924 – Pace – Regional Rideshare Program

Mr. Skosey submitted a letter in support of the subject project.

• The subject project continues to be included in the proposed program for FY2014-2018.

Amy Farrell, Vice President for Market Development, America's Natural Gas Alliance

DR01143928 - CDOT - Chicago Area Alternative Fuel Development Project, Phase 3

Ms. Farrell submitted a letter in support of the subject project.

• The subject project continues to be included in the proposed program for FY2014-2018.

# Illinois Coalition to Clean Up Diesel Pollution (c/o Respiratory Health Association)

# Direct Emissions Reduction Project Proposals

The coalition submitted a letter in support of the proposed direct emissions reduction projects which directly address fine particulate matter emissions.

• All proposed direct emissions reduction projects continue to be included in the program for FY2014-2018.

## Mark L. Fowler, Executive Director, Northwest Municipal Conference

## General Program

Mr. Fowler submitted a letter encouraging the programming of additional funding for proposed projects and not leaving unprogrammed funds for cost increases, deferred projects or future projects.

• The majority of the funding that is unprogrammed (totaling \$72 million) is in FFY 2018 (\$68 million). There will be future opportunities to program those funds in two years' time when the next CMAQ program is scheduled to be developed. With the proposed program and the currently programmed projects there is \$582 million programmed over the next five years which should provide ample projects to cover the obligation goals of \$280 million over the period of 2014 and 2015. Staff recommends the funding levels of the proposed program not be increased.